

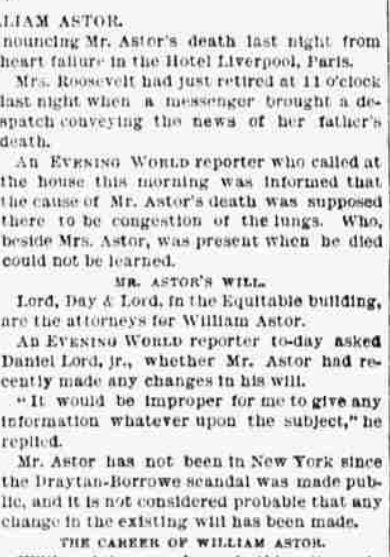
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LAST EDITION.

WM. ASTOR DEAD.

He Passed Away
Last Night in
Hotel Liver-
pool, Paris.Heart Failure Reported
to Have Been
the Cause.He Was Third in the List
of America's Mil-
lionaires.His Fortune Estimated at Nearly
Sixty Million Dollars.Worry Over the Late Dray-
ton Scandal Had Greatly
Prostrated Him.[Copyright, 1892, by the Press Publishing Company,
New York World.][SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.]
PARIS, April 26.—William Astor died last
night at Hotel Liverpool. The cause was
heart failure.Mr. Astor was the father of Mrs. J. Coleman
Drayton, and was greatly worried over the
Borrowes-Fox-Milbank scandal, in which she
was involved.WILLIAM WALDORE ASTOR.
At John Jacob Astor's house, 274 Fifth
avenue, it was said that the news of Mr. Astor's
death was received by cable late last night.
The latter said the news was a great shock
to the family."Mr. Astor had been ill with congestion of
the lungs," he continued, "but his condition
was not considered critical."
He died at 11 o'clock last night and the
news was immediately cabled to Mr. John
Jacob Astor.Mr. John Jacob Astor was not at home
when THE EVENING WORLD reporter called.
At the offices of Mr. William Astor, 23 West
Twenty-sixth street, the clerks were ap-
parently unaware of the death of their em-
ployer. The manager, however, had heard of
it, although he did not care to say anything
about it yet.The most complete surprise was apparent
when THE EVENING WORLD reporter an-
nounced the death of Mr. Astor to the man-
ager of Mr. William Waldorf Astor's property,
at 21 West Twenty-sixth street.The first intimation of the death was
conveyed by the reporter.
Mr. William Waldorf Astor's house, at 8
East Thirty-third street, is closed. Mr. Astor
and his family are in London.Mr. William Astor's house, at 350 Fifth
avenue, has been closed since the family went
to Europe.J. Coleman Drayton, who has so recently
been thrust into the position of the most
widely talked about son-in-law of Mr. Astor,
was in the city last night, today when
Mr. Astor died. He is a small, dark man,
about 35 years of age, with dark hair and
a high forehead.Mr. Drayton continued himself with simple
demeanor in answer to queries, that "he
was very sorry he couldn't spare the time to
be interviewed."It had long been an accepted fact that
in his recent domestic difficulties Mr. Drayton
had been the sympathizer of Mr. Astor, and
his stout efforts at reconciliation were re-
garded as quite unexplainable under the cir-
cumstances.What arrangements will be made for the
burial of Mr. Astor, and the final burial of
his body, cannot yet be ascertained.
The news of his death has come suddenly and
unexpectedly that the members of his
family, all of whom, with the exception ofMrs. Drayton and Mrs. Orme Wilson, are in
this country, have taken no counsel and
made no plans.
Some of the members of the family who
live in this city have been visible this morning.
The offices of the Astor estate in West
Twenty-sixth street were closed immediately,
and at the houses of John Jacob Astor, Mrs.
Orme Wilson and Mrs. Roosevelt to definite
information could be obtained as to the plans
of the family.
It is not probable, however, that they will
all go abroad to attend funeral services in
Paris or London. Mrs. Astor was with him at
the time of his death, and she has many
friends abroad who will be anxious to relieve
her as much as possible of all care and re-
sponsibility for arranging for the removal of
her husband's body to this city.
It is generally believed that arrangementswill speedily be made to convey Mr. Astor's
body across the Atlantic, and although there
may be a quiet private funeral in Paris before
it leaves that city, a public ceremony will
not take place until the arrival of the body in
this city.THE LATE WILLIAM ASTOR.
nouncing Mr. Astor's death last night from
heart failure in the Hotel Liverpool, Paris.
Mrs. Roosevelt had just retired at 11 o'clock
last night when a messenger brought a de-
spatch conveying the news of her father's
death.An EVENING WORLD reporter who called at
the house this morning was informed that
the cause of Mr. Astor's death was supposed
to be congestion of the lungs. Who, beside
Mrs. Astor, was present when he died could
not be learned.MR. ASTOR'S WILL.
Lord, Day & Lord, in the Equitable building,
are the attorneys for William Astor.
An EVENING WORLD reporter today asked
Daniel Lord, Jr., whether Mr. Astor had re-
cently made any changes in his will.
"It would be improper for me to give any
information whatever upon the subject," he
replied.Mr. Astor has not been in New York since
the Drayton-Borrowes scandal was made pub-
lic, and it is not considered probable that any
change in the existing will has been made.THE CAREER OF WILLIAM ASTOR.
William Astor was born in this city July
12, 1810. He was educated at Columbia
college, graduating in 1829, at the head of
his class.After graduation he made a tour of Europe,
Egypt and Arabia, and after his return to
New York married, Sept. 23, 1833, Miss Car-
oline Schermerhorn.The Astors have a family vault in Trinity
Cemetery at one Hundred and Fifty-fifth
street and the Boulevard, and it is probable
that the body will be finally buried there.
It is said that a family conference has been
called today, at which it will be decided
whether any of the children will go across
the ocean and meet their mother, and return
with her to this city.The fact that Mrs. Astor is now in deep
mourning will preclude her from taking any
part in the social gayeties of New York for
at least two or three seasons to come.During the past winter she has been ex-
ceedingly active in fashionable life in this
city. She has given a great many receptions
and parties, and has attended all the social
functions of the season. She has been seen
at nearly every performance of the
opera, and her famous diamond necklace has
been brought to public attention on occa-
sions of the season.Mr. Astor went to Europe last fall and re-
mained there all winter, and she joined him
in London soon after the beginning of Lent,
and they went together to the season in
France, where they were staying when the
Drayton-Borrowes scandal arose.WORRIED BY THE DRAYTON-BORROWES SCANDAL.
It is said that ever since last fall, when
Drayton and his wife had a violent falling out
over the allegations which she was receiving
from Mr. Borrowes, the fear that the scandal
would be brought to public attention has been
hanging over the parents of Mrs. Drayton.Matters were pushed up at the time, and a
compromise effected, in which the compact
between Drayton and his wife, which played
so important a role in breaking off the
arrangements for the duel, was signed by
both parties, and they have since been
on a separation, as he had threatened to do.The knowledge of the incident of the Hotel
Victoria in London, where Drayton surprised
his wife and Borrowes taking dinner together
in a private room in January last, had ex-
actly the same effect on Mrs. Astor as the
social season, and they have since been
on a separation, as he had threatened to do.It is said that everything was done to avert
the outbreak which Drayton threatened, but
that his negotiations with Borrowes in the
last of the season, and they have since been
on a separation, as he had threatened to do.He did nothing for New York and was
seldom seen here, spending most of his time
in Paris or on his yacht.True, Mr. and Mrs. William Astor had a
magnificent mansion at Fifth avenue and
Thirty-fourth street, which, with that of John
Jacob Astor, occupied a whole block on the avenue.
It was here that the great social event of the
year, known as the "Astor Ball," has always
been given. William Astor was not a man of
strong social inclinations, and he never

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Mr. J. Roosevelt Roosevelt, a nephew of
James A. Roosevelt, married a sister of Mrs.
Drayton. It was apparent that Coleman
Drayton had not been apprised of his father-
in-law's death by any of the Astors.
Mr. Marshall Orme Wilson, who married
Carrie Astor, another sister of Mrs. Drayton,
called his father, R. T. Wilson, of 33 West
Twenty-sixth street, and Mr. Wilson said to an
EVENING WORLD reporter: "My son called us
the latest information of Mr. Astor's
death, and beyond that we know absolutely
nothing."Mr. James A. Roosevelt said Mr. Astor's
death would not disturb the money market,
as he did not operate extensively in stocks.
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nouncing the death of Mr. Astor.Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton,
(Daughter of William Astor.)
William Astor had the personal appearance
of a wealthy Englishman, and the bent of his
mind was essentially British. It is not re-
corded anywhere that he ever did or said
anything remarkable. He seems to have
simply accepted the grand fortune left to him
by his father as a matter of course, and to
have devoted his life to enjoying as much en-
joyment out of it as a man without breadth
or aspiration could.
He let his wife run things as she pleased.
In fact, it is said that they saw very little
of each other and were almost strangers.
All their children, however, had their
mothers' tastes and have followed in her
train in the social swim.
Mrs. James Roosevelt Roosevelt, Mrs. Orme
Wilson, Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton and John
Jacob Astor are the only children now living.
Their eldest daughter, Mrs. Van Allen, died
several years ago, leaving three children,
none of whom has yet appeared in society.MR. WILLIAM ASTOR.
(From a photograph taken in 1870.)
The recent scandal affecting their youngest
daughter, Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, was a
great shock to both parents. They were
travelling abroad when the story of the
rumors between Mr. Drayton and
young Hallett Alsop Borrowes
came out, with all the correspondence
which passed between them and their sec-
onds in the negotiations for the duel in
France, in which the alleged improper re-
lations between their daughter and young
Borrowes were given such wide publicity.
It is said that they were both deeply humil-
iated by these disclosures, and that Mr.
Astor's illness and sudden death may have
been the direct result of the scandal.MR. ASTOR'S OFFICE.
Mrs. William Astor is an offshoot of the
ancient and noble house of Schermerhorn.
She is tall, distingué in bearing and is a
woman of graceful carriage. She has black
hair, black eyes and olive complexion.
Mrs. Astor owns probably the finest col-
lection of jewels in America. When attending
the opera or private receptions she has fre-
quently appeared in a blaze of diamonds.At her entertainment in Delmonico's her
throat was encircled with three strands of
diamonds, and she wore a string of great size.
Triple strands of similar precious stones were
wound around her white shoulders, and her
coronet sparkled like the buckle of Ptolemy
Philadelphus.Living jewels sparkled in her raven hair,
and all the colors of the rainbow scintillated
from her ringed fingers.She has been seen, seen at the opera
wearing \$50,000 worth of diamonds, but on
one occasion she surpassed herself, the dis-
play being valued at more than \$100,000.WILLIAM ASTOR'S FORTUNE.
Next to his nephew, William Waldorf
Astor, and probably Jay Gould, whose
fortune is supposed to run up to a
hundred millions of dollars, William Astor
was the richest citizen of America. His
wealth was recently estimated at between
\$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000, the greater
part of which is invested in New York
real estate.He has been, sometimes sarcastically de-
scribed as a "raging real estate speculator,"
and it is a fact that during his life his great
aim has been to increase the immense for-
tune which his father, William R. Astor, left
him at the time of his death.William Astor could never expect to equal
the wealth of his father, the late John
Jacob Astor, who received the lion's
share of the patrimony, and whose fortune
at his death was estimated at \$20,000,000.
But he did what he could to make his small
nest-egg grow, and devoted the greater part
of his energies to speculating in city real
estate and in large investments which would
be certain to yield an enormous return by
increased valuation as the years went by.William Astor handled his business on the
same plan as that adopted by his richer
brother. Their offices were together, at 23
and 25 West Twenty-sixth street, and it has
been the supposition of many that they owned
most of the Astor property in common. This

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figured prominently in all those gen-
erous entertainments.
William Waldorf Astor, nephew of the
late John Jacob Astor, who died in 1890,
gave the erection of a magnificent hotel on the
site of the present hotel.RUSHING THE BILL.
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Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.

FIGHTING THE EDISON VERDICT.

Gen. Duncane Arguing for the United
States Company on Appeal.The argument on the appeal of the United
States Electric Light Company from a decision
rendered in a lower court in favor of the
Edison Electric Light Company in a suit
brought for an infringement of a patent,
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